के प्रयास किए जा रहे हैं कि शांति और सामान्य हालात जल्दी ही बहाल की जाय।

Infiltration of Foreign Mercenaries in J&K

*1776. SHRI O.P. KOHLI: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the news report appearing in 'The Indian Express' dated the 10th July, 1997 under the catpion, "Ultras taking over CM constituency, Parry";

(b) if so, how 3500 foreign mercenaries, including Afghans, have been able to infiltrate into Kashmir, despite our intelligence agencies and security forces; and

(c) the steps being taken to counter this serious treat to the unity and integrity of the country?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MANISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI S.R. BALASUBRAMONIYAN): (a) to (c) Government have seen the newsreport. There are reports to the effect that increasing use of foreign mercenaries are being resorted to by Pak ISI to give a fillip to militancy in Kashmir. However, it is not possible to indicate the precise number of foreign mercenaries in J & K. While it is not feasible to seal the border hermetically due to the difficult nature of terrain conditions in J & K, the security forces are, constantly vigilant and are taking all necessary steps to defeat the nefarious designs of Pak ISI.

Close vigil is being kept by the Security Forces along the border/LOC and in the interior areas. Various arrangements have been made for this purpose, including intensive patrolling, provision and use of surveillance equipment, including night vision devices, etc., deployment of forces in the vulnerable areas both on the LOC/ border and in the hinterland, setting up of Village Defence Committees in some of the sensitive regions near the border, and close and continuous coordination between all concerned security and intelligence agencies, etc. The arrangements are being continously reviewed and strengthened/streamlined as found necessary.

High Voltage Propaganda on Human Rights by Kashmiri Militants

1777. SHRI NARENDRA MOHAN: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the Pakistani design of infiltrating foreign mercenaries into Kashmir as reported in Indian Express of 10th June, 1997;

(b) whether militants in Kashmir are also being instigated to launch high voltage propaganda on human rights, as a prelude to launching attacks by the mercenaries; and

(c) if so, what steps are being taken to meet the above challenge?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI S.R. BALASUBRAMONIYAN): (a) to (c) Government have seen the newsreport. There are reports to the effect that increasing use of trained foreign militants/mercenaries are being resorted to by Pak ISI to give a fillip to the militancy in J & K. Launching of high voltage propaganda on the alleged human rights violations through militants is also a part of the game plan of the Pak ISI to sustain militancy in the Valley and garner public support.

While carrying out anti-militancy operations, the security forces have been asked to make a conscious effort to see that opportunities, which could be exploited for false propaganda by the militants and secessionist organisations do not become available as a result of their actions. Security forces are also vigilant and are taking all necessary steps to curb the nefarious designs of the Pak ISI and the militant activities in J & K. Apart from surveillance and counterinfiltration

operations, the security forces have been rendering aid to the Civil Administration in natural calamities and undertaking many civic action programmes to thwart the militants propaganda.

देश में शिक्षित बेरोज़गार व्यक्ति

1778. **श्री रामजीलाल:** क्या श्रम मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि:

(क) क्या यह सच है कि देश में शिक्षित बेरोज़गारों की संख्या में निरन्तर वृद्धि हो रही है;

(ख) यदि हां, तो गत तीन वर्षों के दौरान शिक्षित बेरोज़गारों की राज्य-वार संख्या कितनी-कितनी थी, साथ ही ऐसे व्यक्तियों की संख्या कितनी है जिन्हें रोजगार प्रदान किया गया है;

(ग) शिक्षित बेरोज़गारों की संख्या में वृद्धि और रोज़गार उपलब्ध कराए गए शिक्षित व्यक्तियों की संख्या का अनुपात क्या है; और

(घ) सरकार सभी शिक्षित बेरोज़गारों को कब तक रोजगार उपलब्ध करवा देगी?

श्रम मंत्रालय के राज्य मंत्री (श्री एम०पी० वीरेन्द्र कुमार): (क) राष्ट्रीय नमूना सर्वेक्षण संगठन द्वारा किये गए नवीनतम पंचवर्षीय सर्वेक्षण के अनुसार 15 वर्ष एंव इससे अधिक उम्र के शिक्षित बेरोज़गार व्यक्तियों का प्रतिशत जो 1987-88 के दौरान 11.86% था घटकर 1993-94 के दौरान 9.56% हो गया।

(ख) और (ग) प्रश्न ही नहीं उठता।

(घ) 8वीं एवं 9 वीं योजना में 2002 ई० तक लगभग पूर्ण रोजगार की स्थिति प्राप्त करने की नीति की परिकल्पना की गई है।

Right of Secret Ballot to Workers

1779. SHRI DIPANKAR MUKHERJEE:
SHRI JIBON ROY:

Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government are committed in their Common Minimum Programme (CMP) that they would enact a law, guaranteeing right of secret ballot to workers for determining collective bargaining agency in industrial enterprises;

(b) if so, the reasons for not implementing this important commitment made to the working class; and

(c) whether Government would introduce a Bill during the Monsoon Session of Parliament on this vital recommendation in CMP?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR (SHRI M.P. VEERENDRA KUMAR): (a) and (b) The Common Minimum Programme has stated that the rights of trade unions will be respected and recognition of trade unions will be required to be done through secret ballot. Ministry of Labour had constituted a Bipartite Committee on comprehensive Industrial Relations Bill. The issue of recognition of Trade Unions through Secret Ballot was referred to this Committee. The Bipartite Committee however did not make any recommendations regarding recognition the Trade Union through Secret ballot.

(c) No, Sir.

Level of Minimum Wages in the Country

1780. SHRI JIBON ROY: Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) the existing level of minimum wages in different States and wage level maintained by the Central Government; and

(b) the details of revision of minimum wages since 1990, as notified be different State Governments and Central Government?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR (SHRI M.P. VEERENDRA KUMAR): (a) A statement indicating the existing range of minimum rates of wages for unskilled category of workers in different States/ Union Territories is given in Annexure. *[See Appendix 181. Annexure No. 46]*

(b) The information regarding the details of periodic revision of minimum rates of wages by the State Governments and Union Territory Administrations for all the different scheduled employments is not being maintained. The Central